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HOUSE COMMITTED TO PROTECTING NUCLEAR WEAPON SECRETS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Today, the House passed H.Res. 534 on an overwhelming 391 to 5 vote. Upon final passage, Chairman Floyd Spence, issued the following statement:

“I am pleased that an overwhelming bipartisan majority of the House today supported House Resolution 534. This vote sends the clear message that Congress is steadfast in its commitment to protect our nation’s most sensitive nuclear secrets. Furthermore, the overwhelming nature of this vote reaffirms Congress’ commitment to uphold the creation of the National Nuclear Security Administration to protect nuclear secrets and reform the Department of Energy’s security practices.

“The events of the past several years leave little doubt that the Department of Energy’s national laboratory complex, and Los Alamos National Laboratory in particular, suffer from serious and unacceptable deficiencies in how nuclear weapon secrets are protected.

“House Resolution 534 calls for the individuals charged with responsibility for policy and management of security matters at the Department of Energy, the National Nuclear Security Administration, and Los Alamos to be held accountable. The resolution also calls upon General John Gordon, the new Administrator for Nuclear Security, to take immediate action to improve the policies and procedures in place to safeguard nuclear weapons material and information. Only continued vigilance and aggressive action can address the deep-rooted and bureaucratic problems that led to this fundamental breakdown in security procedures.”

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